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In re Application of: Yasuyuki ISHIHARA

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Art Unit: 1722

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Examiner: James P. Mackey

For: MOLD FOR MOLDING A TIRE

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed April 3, 2003, applicant hereby provisionally elects Species D for initial examination. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 6, 7 and 20 read on Species D and at least claim 1 is generic to all species outlined in the Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that Species E also be examined along with Species D, in light of the significant similarities between the two species. Applicant respectfully submits that it is reasonable for the Examiner to examine Species D and E together in light of the substantial number of species that have been identified on page 2 of the Office Action. This would prevent applicant from having to file multiple divisional applications in the event the PTO refuses to allow any generic claim(s).

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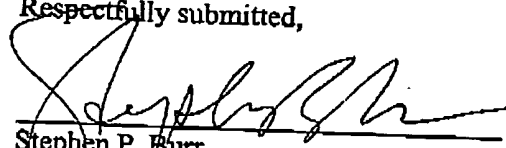
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Should the Examiner deem that any action by the applicant would be desirable in advancing the prosecution of this application, he is requested to telephone applicant's undersigned representative.

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Respectfully submitted,


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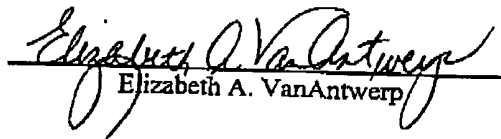
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